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1756

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Mr. H.J. VOELLER (REG. NO. 48,015) (3) _____

(2) JANIS L. DOTE (PTO) (4) _____

Date of Interview JULY 8, 2003

Type: Telephonic Televideo Conference Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No If yes, brief description: _____

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 7 - 10

Identification of prior art discussed: Shimojo

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed last 132 Declaration filed on 2/24/03 (Paper No 12). The examiner stated that the declaration should compare to the closest prior art. As discussed in the rejection over Shimojo, the examiner has determined that Shimojo's example 31 is the closest prior art. (see page 2)

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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§1.133 Interviews

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Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Amended) A toner for developing an electrostatic latent image comprising a binder resin, a colorant, and a wax, wherein in regard to the molecular weight by GPC of the THF dissolved components of the toner, the ratio of at least 5×10^5 in the integral molecular weight distribution is not higher than 1% by weight, the ratio of not higher than 3×10^3 in the integral molecular weight distribution is not higher than 30% by weight, and the ratio $\{W(5 \times 10^3)/W(1 \times 10^5)\}$ is from 15 to 50, wherein $\{W(5 \times 10^3)\}$ represents a ratio of not higher than 5×10^3 in the integral molecular weight distribution, and $\{W(1 \times 10^5)\}$ represents a ratio of at least 1×10^5 in the integral molecular weight distribution respectively.
2. (Original) The toner for developing an electrostatic latent image according to claim 1, wherein the binder resin comprises at least a binder resin (A) and a binder resin (B), the binder resin (A) having a weight average molecular weight (Mw) in a range from 8000 to 18000 and a ratio (Mw/Mn) of the weight average molecular weight (Mw) to a number average molecular weight (Mn) of the binder resin (A) from 2 to 4, the binder resin (B) having a weight average molecular weight (Mw) in a range from 20,000 to 40,000, and a ratio (Mw/Mn) of the weight average molecular weight (Mw) to a number average molecular weight (Mn) from 3 to 5.
3. (Original) The toner for developing an electrostatic latent image according to claim 1, wherein the wax has a melting point in a range from 70 to 100°C.
4. (Original) The toner for developing an electrostatic latent image according to claim 3, wherein the wax has a melting viscosity from 1 to 200 mPa·s at 110°C.

5. (Original) The toner for developing an electrostatic latent image according to claim 1, wherein the toner further contains inorganic fine particles in the inside thereof in an amount of from 1 to 10% by weight to the toner.

6. (Original) The toner for developing an electrostatic latent image according to claim 1, wherein the molecular weight by GPC of the THF dissolved components of the toner is distributed in the range of not larger than 1×10^6 , the value of the differential molecular weight distribution of the molecular weight of 5×10^3 is not larger than 0.55%, and the value of the differential molecular weight distribution of the molecular distribution of the molecular weight of 1×10^5 is not larger than 0.15%.

7. (Original) A toner for developing an electrostatic latent image comprising a binder resin, a colorant, and a wax, wherein the molecular weight by GPC of the THF dissolved components of the toner is distributed in a range of not larger than 1×10^6 , the value of the differential molecular weight distribution of the molecular weight 5×10^3 is not larger than 0.55%, and the value of the differential molecular weight of the molecular weight 1×10^5 is not larger than 0.15%.

8. (Original) The toner for developing an electrostatic latent image according to claim 7, wherein the binder resin comprises at least a binder resin (A) and a binder resin (B), the binder resin (A) having a weight average molecular weight (Mw) in a range from 8000 to 18000, and a ratio (Mw/Mn) of the weight average molecular weight (Mw) to a number average molecular weight (Mn) from 2 to 4, the binder resin (B) having a weight average molecular weight (Mw) in a range from 20,000 to 40,000, and a ratio (Mw/Mn) of the weight average molecular weight (Mw) to a number average molecular weight (Mn) from 3 to 5.

9. (Original) The toner for developing an electrostatic latent image according to claim 7, wherein the wax has a melting point in a range from 70 to 100°C.

10. (Original) The toner for developing an electrostatic latent image according to claim 7, wherein the wax has a melting viscosity of from 1 to 200 mPa·s at 100°C.

11. (Original) The toner for developing an electrostatic latent image according to claim 7, wherein the toner further contains inorganic fine particles in the inside thereof in an amount of from 1 to 10% by weight to the toner.

12. (Original) A two-component developer comprising a carrier and a toner, wherein the toner is the toner described in claim 1.

13. (Currently Amended) An image forming process comprising a step of forming an electrostatic latent image on a latent image holding member, a step of forming a toner image by developing the electrostatic latent image with a toner, a step of transferring the toner image onto a transfer material to form a transfer image, and a step of fixing the transferred image using a fixing apparatus comprising ~~at least one roller~~ a heat roller and a ~~press~~ press roller, wherein the toner is the electrostatic latent developing toner described in claim and wherein a surface layer of the ~~at least one roller~~ heat roller and the ~~press roller~~ press ⁶¹ roller comprises a releasing resin, and a releasing liquid is not substantially supplied to the surface layer of the ~~heat roller~~ ⁶¹ heat roller and said ⁶¹ press ⁶¹ roller at least one roller.

14. (Withdrawn)

15. (Currently Amended) The image forming process according to claim 13, wherein when an amount of the toner image formed on the transfer material before fixing is 0.50 mg/cm², the toner image has a glossiness after fixing (75 degree gloss) of from 40 to 60.

16. (Currently Amended) The image forming process according to claim 13,
wherein the fixing apparatus comprises a heat roller and a pressure roller, the heat roller
having has a surface temperature of from 150 to 180°C.

17. (Currently Amended) The image forming process according to claim 13, wherein the fixing apparatus comprises a heat roller and a pressure roller, the heat roller and

the pressure roller each having have a peripheral transferring speed of from 70 to 120 mm/second.

18. (Currently Amended) The image forming process according to claim 13, wherein the ~~fixing apparatus has a heat roller and a~~ the pressure roller, ~~the heat roller and the~~ ~~press roller having a rubber hardness of from 55 to 85 degrees by Asker C, and~~ have a pressing force therebetween from 392 to 638N.

19. (Currently Amended) The image forming process according to claim 13, wherein ~~the fixing apparatus has a heat roller and a pressure roller, each of the heat roller and~~ ^{the} ~~the pressure roller having~~ have an elastic layer and ~~a~~ ^{the} surface layer on a core surface in this order, and the elastic layer having a rubber hardness of from 10 to 40 degrees by Asker C.

20. (Withdrawn)

Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No. 09/722,828 First Named Applicant: Masanobu NINOMIYA
Examiner: Janis Dote Art Unit: 1700 Status of Application: Rejection

Tentative Participants:

(1) Jim Voeller (2) Janis Dote
(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 7/18/03 Proposed Time: 10 (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) Telephonic (2) Personal (3) Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: YES NO
If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

| Issues (Rej., Obj., etc) | Claims/ Fig. #s | Prior Art | Discussed | Agreed | Not Agreed |
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| (1) <u>Rej.</u> | <u>7-10</u> | <u>Shimojo, Nanya</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

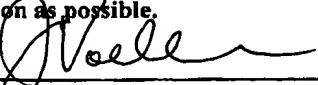
Declaration addressing Shimojo toner composition

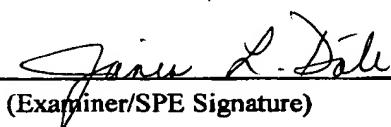
An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE:

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This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.


(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)


(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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